COMMUNITY & MINORITY ISSUES

ROSE PARADE

January 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Hernandez reported highlights and reactions from the $116^{\rm th}$ Tournament of Roses Parade that took place that day. Hundreds of thousands of people came from far and wide to see the fabulous floats.

TSUNAMI VIGIL

January 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:28)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from LA's mid-city area, on the candlelight vigil that Sri Lankan Americans held for the 40,000 victims in their native land. They also remembered those of other nationalities who died in the previous weekend's tsunami.

CHISHOLM DEAD

January 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported breaking news that a trailblazer in American Politics had died—Shirley Chisholm was the first black American woman elected to Congress. She served seven terms in the House of Representatives, and was an advocate for the people. Shirley Chisholm died that day at the age of 80.

CHISHOLM/MATSUI

January 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:44)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported on the two lawmakers being mourned that day in Washington. Robert Matsui and Shirley Chisholm both overcame early obstacles to become members of Congress, and this report looked back at their remarkable political careers.

MIGRANT GUIDE BOOK

January 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:01)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that the Mexican government had published 1.5 million copies of a pocket sized "migrant guide" book, available online and at Mexican consulates in the US. But members of Congress were taking the booklet very seriously, and at least one was considering introducing a bill to cut US Aid to Mexico by the amount it receives from its citizens living here—approximately 15 billion dollars.

LANDSLIDE FAMILY

January 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from La Conchita with the latest on the search for survivors from the massive mudslide, and the devastating story of one man who'd been digging alongside searchers for three days...but earlier that day, the ugly mountain of mud gave up the bodies of his wife and three daughters.

CORONA EVACUATIONS

January 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported the latest details on the Prado Dam in Corona, and the 2,000 evacuees.

LA CONCHITA

January 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from the Ventura County Fairgrounds, where residents from La Conchita had been getting daily briefings. Residents were faced with a wrenching decision—either move or continue to live below an unstable hillside.

MLK PARADE

January 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported on the 20th Annual Freedom Day Parade, which took place that day. Millions of Americans celebrated Martin Luther King Junior's birthday that day, but the biggest parade in the nation was right here in Los Angeles.

WOMACK/WALLET

January 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported on the memorial service for a man who touched the lives of many people before he died in the La Conchita mudslide. The memorial service took place on a beach in Ventura that day.

JOHNNY CARSON

January 24, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:44)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Hollywood on Johnny Carson being remembered as the 'gold standard' who used his own show to launch the careers of dozens of other stars.

AUSCHWITZ

January 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on the unprecedented session of the United Nations General Assembly that day, which marked the 60th

anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz—the notorious Nazi death camp. While 1.5 million Jews died at Auschwitz, 6 million Jews were killed in the Holocaust.

WHITE SUPREMACY

January 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported the latest on the fact that white supremacy groups had been stepping up activity in parts of Riverside County. That day, the FBI and local police came down hard with arrests and seizures of weapons.

HOME RAFFLES

January 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from Palos Verdes with details on how to get involved in the home raffle happening there. The Palos Verdes Art Center was raffling off one of the area's million dollar homes.

GLENDALE ADVENTIST

January 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Randy Paige reported the latest on the tragedy that unfolded that morning when a Metrolink train slammed into an SUV, then derailed and hit a parked Union Pacific train, which forced it to jackknife and then hit another Metrolink train. Besides the ten dead, more than 100 people were taken to at least four nearby hospitals.

COSTCO/HEROES

January 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from the Costco in Atwater Village, with the story of some local heroes. Even before firefighters arrived at the deadly derailment, people from nearby businesses went to work rescuing victims. They put away the shock and horror and turned into real-life heroes.

INDIAN CASINO

January 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported that a new Indian casino opened its doors in the Inland Empire. The San Manuel Casino in Highland hoped to attract thousands of gamblers, but it does not have a liquor license—and city fathers did not seem keen on granting one.

MARINE LIVER TRANSPLANT January 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that Marine Lance Corporal Chris Leblue was relieved to make it home to 29 Palms alive, after serving in Iraq. But now he faced another threat to his life—he was desperately in need of a liver transplant.

IMMIGRANTS ASHORE

January 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:23)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that more than thirty Cuban immigrants had made it to freedom. The group somehow made it to a small island near Key Largo, Florida. The group included 27 adults and four children, and all were in good health. Cuban immigrants who reach US social are generally allowed to remain in the country, but those who are stopped at sea are sent back to Cuba.

STOLEN CROSS

January 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported on a mysterious theft: a historic cross was missing from the San Gabriel Mission. It used to grace the roof of the old Mission, but it was most recently being kept in the Mission cemetery.

MARINES RETURN

January 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from Camp Pendleton with details on the celebration going on there. From tears of sorrow to tears of joy, dozens of Marines returned that night from duty in Iraq.

MARINE GETS LIVER

January 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported that the US Marine who survived the war in Iraq was now fighting another battle, against a mysterious liver disease that almost killed him. But that night, he was recovering at Loma Linda University Medical Center after a liver transplant.

TRAIN CONDUCTOR FUNERAL

January 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:32)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that in Glendale that day, family and friends gathered to remember one of the men killed in the deadly train derailment. Thomas Ormiston was the conductor on one of the Metrolink trains involved in the crash. Hundreds of people attended that day's funeral service.

HEALTH CARE DISPARITY

February 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Monique Conrad reported that a recent study showed minorities often suffer more health problems than whites. Now a coalition of 30 health related groups are attacking the problem, hoping to find a cure that means color won't affect care.

BLACK MINISTERS GOP

February 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from Hollywood on a group of African-American conservatives who have created a name for themselves—"The High Impact Leadership Coalition." They supported President Bush in his re-election, and that night, the new group held the first of a series of meetings in the Southland.

MCKEOWN BLOOD DRIVE

February 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that the Pasadena Fire Department paid tribute to a victim in the deadly Metrolink tragedy the previous week. The department coordinated an all-day blood drive at the Pasadena City Yards, in memory of Scott McKeown, who was a telecommunications manager for the city of Pasadena.

BLACK HISTORY PARADE

February 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL reporter Glen Walker reported that Black History Month was off to an exciting start that morning on the streets of Santa Ana, with the 25th Annual Orange County Multicultural Parade and Fair. While there were many African-American participants, the parade also featured the diversity of people who live in Southern California.

TEEN PURSUIT

February 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Stacy Butler reported live from South LA with the latest on an investigation into why police opened fire on a 13-year-old. That was the big question of the night, which both police investigators and community leaders wanted the answer to. The young teen was shot and killed at the end of an early morning car chase in South LA.

LATINO HEALTH

February 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that Hispanics are the fastest-growing minority group in the U.S. but as a group, they face unique health care issues. They are more likely to suffer chronic

diseases like diabetes and more likely to be without health insurance often because of language barriers. She reported on a new program here in California that addresses their unique issues.

SHOOTING/TEEN

February 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from South LA to report on the community that came together in grief and anger that night, wanting answers in the police shooting death of a 13-year-old boy. Family and friends held a candlelight vigil for the boy, who was killed at the end of a stolen-car chase early Sunday.

BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

February 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Baldwin Hills, from opening night at the largest Black Film Festival in the U.S., which was underway right here in Southern California. It is a showcase for up and coming artists and their work.

LUNAR YEAR PARADE

February 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that the Lunar New Year was being celebrated by Asians across the world. Some celebrate for nearly a month, because regardless of religion or nationality, people who celebrate Lunar new year see it as a sacred holiday with a great deal of meaning.

GAY WEDDINGS

February 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:51)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that some local same-sex couples were u sing Valentine's Day to protest against what they call the unfair California marriage law, which doesn't allow same-gender unions.

PAUL WILLIAMS

February 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:50)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that the talent of Paul Williams was being appreciated that night, as we celebrated Black History Month. Paul Williams is an icon of Southern California architecture, and it is said that to live in one of his homes is like living in a work of art.

MAGIC JOHNSON/AIDS CLINIC February 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:05)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Magic Johnson attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at an AIDS clinic named in his honor. It opened four years ago but was only formally dedicated that day. There are now four such clinics named after Johnson.

COCHRAN/DEVIN BROWN

February 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that Johnny Cochran's law firm was going to be representing the family of 13-year-old Devin Brown in a lawsuit against the city and the LAPD. Family members and activists made the announcement in the same church where Devin Brown's funeral was held. The suit accuses police of wrongful death and civil rights violations.

DEVIN ATTORNEY

February 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:10)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported an update on the story of the police shooting of 13-year-old Devin Brown, who was behind the wheel of a stolen car. The boy's family filed a lawsuit against the LAPD. Attorney Brian Dunn held a meeting that day to talk about why the lawsuit was filed and what the family expects to get out of it.

MARATHON CHURCH

February 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that local ministers were squaring off with police that night over the following week's LA Marathon. They say the race is a huge inconvenience for churchgoers, and they want the race moved from Sundays. Pastors in the Wilshire area say they always end up with empty pews on Marathon Sunday.

RACE FOR THE CURE

February 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that 9th Annual Susan Komen Los Angeles County Race For The Cure took place that morning. The race was co-sponsored by KCAL9 and CBS2, and reporters Josh Rubenstein and Leyna Nguyen were among the team of runners.

CAFÉ CLOSING

February 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that the community of Seal Beach said goodbye to a landmark that day—Danner's Main Street Café closed its doors after 10 ½ years of serving up steaks, sandwiches and conversation. Surfer Greg Danner owns the popular

eatery, and he was devastated when the building's owner told him his lease would not be renewed.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD HERO

March 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported that a fouryear-old was being called a hero that afternoon, after she made a call that saved her mother's life. Officials say if that little girl hadn't acted so quickly, her mother could have died.

BOARDWALK PROTEST

March 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that in Venice Beach, the sidewalk vendors closest to the water must now have permits to conduct business. Many locals held up signs in protest. Those vendors must also enter a lottery every two weeks for a spot on the boardwalk.

GLOBAL FLYER

March 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on yet another record added to adventurer Steve Fossett's list. That day the millionaire adventurer completed a three day, 23,000 mile trip around the world, which no one has ever made before alone. The trip also broke several other aviation records, including the longest flight by a jet without refueling.

DOGS ADOPTED

March 3, 10-11pm newscast 9TRT 1:54)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported an update on the story of dozens of Pomeranian puppies confiscated from a suspected puppy mill. Their plight struck a chord with thousands of people. And that night, some of the dogs were enjoying TLC in their new homes.

CHIMP ATTACK

March 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from the hospital in Loma Linda, where one man was in critical condition after chimpanzees went on a rampage attacking people at an animal sanctuary. Keepers fired on the chimps, killing two of them. It was an ugly scene at the animal facility near Bakersfield.

VETS SUE WEST HOLLYWOOD

March 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:40)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported that veterinarians were suing the

city of West Hollywood. They say the city went too far in banning the de-clawing of cats. West Hollywood leaders say it is a cruel thing, but the vets say they are in legal limbo because the state allows it. The city was also considering banning other procedures like tail-docking, ear-cropping, de-fanging and de-barking.

DAN RATHER SIGN OFF

March 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that 24 years to the day he took over the anchor chair at CBS Evening News, Dan Rather anchored his final broadcast. Rather's colleagues gave him a standing ovation after he signed off. Rather will now become a full time correspondent for 60 Minutes.

ROSEMEAD WALMART

March 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that voters in Rosemead apparently do not want a Walmart super-center, or the council members who support it. They tossed two long-term incumbents out of office. The proposed project at Walnut Grove Avenue and Rush Street is a hot issue in the community.

POPE

March 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Aleen Sirgany reported that John Paul II would be back in the Vatican in time for Holy Week. For the first time since his throat surgery, we saw and heard the Pope inside his hospital room in Rome, doing much better and receiving company.

GUANTANAMO UPDATE

March 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that it was a national day of mourning in Spain, commemorating the one-year anniversary of the commuter train bomb attacks that killed nearly 200 people. And senior defense officials confirmed that day that the Pentagon wants to clear the way to send several hundred Guantanamo detainees back to their home countries.

WATER RESCUE HERO

March 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from San Fernando with details on the San Fernando police officer who risked his life to save two children the day before—after they were swept away in fast

moving water. Fadel spoke with the officer for a firsthand account of the ordeal.

ANTHRAX

March 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:39)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that the anthrax scare at mail facilities near Washington appeared to have been false alarms. That night officials said tests from three mailrooms, including two that serve the Pentagon, came back negative. Investigators were trying to figure out why sensors detected signs of anthrax.

NAACP IMAGE AWARDS

March 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, where the NAACP was honoring the year's outstanding achievements and performances. The red carpet was moved indoors that day at the NAACP Image Awards—just a little change in plans because of the rain.

CHAKA KHAN

March 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 4:38)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark interviewed eight time Grammy Award winner Chaka Khan in the KCAL9 studio. Chaka Khan first came on the music scene in the 70's with the group, "Rufus", but she is also involved with an organization dedicated to helping very special children with autism. The group is called, "Cure Autism Now", and Chaka has a personal connection—her nephew Tallon has autism.

SEX OFFENDER MONITORS

March 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from San Bernardino to explain the new program starting up there, to follow the movements of high risk sex offenders. The idea is to stop dangerous criminals before they strike again.

MISSING JEWELER

March 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Santa Ana with the latest on that night's search for a missing jeweler in Orange County. 68-year-old Mario Rodriguez simply vanished, and hadn't been seen in almost one week.

VATICAN MASS

March 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that Holy Thursday Mass went on as usual at Saint Peter's, but without Pope John Paul II. His poor health forced him to sit out the ceremony, but he watched it on TV instead. The Pope was expected to make his presence felt at a Good Friday procession the next day through a video at the Coliseum.

TRUE BELIEVERS

March 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:16)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported that the Schiavo case and the political, ethical and religious issues it raises—has engaged the entire country. Issues that rarely receive the kind of public airing that was taking place. And much of the debate and disagreement was rooted in politics and religion.

POPE

March 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Manuel Gallegus reported that Pope John Paul II did not participate in that day's Good Friday activities at the Vatican. Instead he opted to watch the events on TV from his apartment, as he continued to recover from a tracheotomy.

DELIESH ALLEN

March 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from South LA that Deliesh Allen lost her battle for life. She had been on life support since a gang shooting outside her South LA high school. Doctors said there was nothing they could do—the 15-year-old was brain-dead.

ANAHEIM MISSING REWARD

March 28, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that the family of a missing Anaheim woman were hoping a reward would help them locate a mother of three. Anaheim Police say Cindy Casteel-Mathieu was last seen by her husband more than 7 months prior. Investigators said the couple left a party after they had a disagreement, and they now consider her husband a "person of interest."

RONALD REAGAN

March 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Stacy Butler reported live from Burbank on a newly discovered treasure, which would go on display at the Ronald Reagan Library in the fall.

SLUM APARTMENTS

March 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported live from Pico Union, where residents of some Pico Union apartments say they are being forced to live in unsanitary conditions. They say building owners and managers refuse to help, so now they are taking action by filing a lawsuit.

ENVIRONMENT

TSUNAMI LATEST

January 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the latest confirmed death toll from the earthquake and tsunami was 123,000 people, but the United Nations feared it would go as high as 150,000. The US was mounting a massive relief mission to Southeast Asia.

POLYNESIAN VILLAGE

January 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:29)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that while the rain rolled in, the residents of a mobile home park in Newhall were still cleaning up from the previous week's storm. They were hoping to prevent a repeat of the muddy mess the storm left behind.

TSUNAMI LATEST

January 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Donelan reported an update on the Tsunami disaster. It had been one week since a giant earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean triggered the tsunami waves that crashed ashore across South Asia. But the devastation had yet to be fully calculated.

GRAPEVINE SNOW

January 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Gorman, where the I-5 was closed, as many frustrated drivers were still not able to get through the grapevine.

MARS ROVER ANNIVERSARY

January 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported on the big celebration at JPL in Pasadena that day, for the one-year anniversary of the Rover Spirit first landing on Mars. The two rovers currently roaming Mars were only supposed to last a few months but were still going, making this a scientific miracle on Mars.

SWIFT WATER RESCUE

January 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from the scene of a rescue in Pacoima, where a young boy was plucked from the rushing waters that were a result of the storms.

SNOW MELT/BURN AREAS

January 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Devore with the latest on the storm that was on the way the next day, which was going to be a warmer one—and for areas like Devore more rain and less snow could bring flooding and mudslides.

SANTA CLARITA RAIN

January 7, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported live from Santa Clarita, where swift water was flooding the roads. The Sky View Doppler radar was tracking a wave of powerful storms, and it was expected that by the next day, the rains would be coming down even harder than already seen that day.

TSUNAMI LATEST

January 7, 3-3:30 pm newscast (TRT 0:59)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that thousands more victims of the Tsunami disaster in South Asia were located in a remote section of Sumatra that day—7,000 in all, which raised the total number of dead to 147,000. UN Secretary General Kofi Annan touring the region that day said he had never seen such utter destruction.

RUNNING SPRINGS

January 7, 3-3:30 pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Running Springs with StormWatch coverage. Rain at the beach and in the valley meant snow in the mountains.

SEAL BEACH

January 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:31)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Seal Beach, where people were trying to protect their homes from the riving rain. A high surf advisory was also in effect, which meant people should avoid going into the water.

TSUNAMI LATEST

January 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 Political reporter Dave Bryan reported an update on the death toll from the Tsunami disaster. Another 7,000 bodies were discovered in Indonesia, which meant that in just two countries—Indonesia and Sri Lanka—the combined death toll had topped 130,000.

SWIFTWATER RESCUE

January 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported on the harrowing rescue from the raging waters of Coyote Creek, which was all caught on tape. The man was one of 3 people trapped upside-down in the raging flood channel. This flood was a result of the storm that was pummeling Southern California.

HOUSE COLLAPSE

January 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported that a mudslide in the Hollywood Hills that morning caused a two-story, 5,000 square foot home to collapse. A man and his two children were inside the house, but amazingly all of them survived the ordeal.

SAN DIMAS RESCUE

January 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported on a rescue in San Dimas Canyon. Firefighters carried a baby boy to safety after he fell into flood waters.

LA CONCHITA

January 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported on the massive wave of mud that came crashing down on the homes and people below in La Conchita. At least three people were dead at that time, and many more missing. The search for survivors was put on hold for the night.

PEOPLE LA CONCHITA

January 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:43)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from La Conchita on the wall of mud, rock and debris that slid down on homes earlier that day in La Conchita, which was all caught on tape by KCAL9 cameras.

METROLINK HOTEL EVACUATIONS

January 12, 3-3:30 pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported details on the landslide that forced vacationers to quickly evacuate from a hillside motel in San Clemente, as the owners frantically tried to warn an oncoming train that the tracks were covered in mud.

OILY BIRDS

January 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from San Pedro, where work was underway to save some of the hundreds of birds caught in

an oil spill. A small landslide at Icebox Canyon broke an oil transmission line, and at least a thousand gallons of oil drifted downstream before the line was shut down.

SATURN

January 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:21)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that the European Space Probe successfully relayed scientific data about Saturn's moon Titan, after making a soft landing that day.

I-5 LANE CLOSURES

January 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported from Castaic on the problems getting through the Grapevine. The storms were gone, but several lanes on Interstate five were shut down, while work crews fixed the roadway.

LA ZOO ELEPHANTS

January 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:34)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that animal activitsts wanted the LA Zoo to transfer all three of its remaining elephants to a sanctuary, and to shut down the elephant exhibit. In the last thirty years, seven elephants at the zoo had died and four were put to sleep for untreatable health problems.

SQUID/HIGH SURF

January 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Newport Beach with details on some unusual happenings at the beach there—hundreds of dead squid had washed up on the sand.

RAIN PREPS

January 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Belmont Shore where preparations were underway to get protection from the new Pacific storm that was approaching. This was an anxious time for areas prone to landslides or floods.

HELEN'S DOME GROWTH

January 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported an update on the seismic activity going on at Mount St. Helen's in Washington. Scientists said the lava dome was continuing to grow with low rates of seismic activity and

steam emissions. The mountain remained at "Alert Level Two", which is a volcano advisory.

SERVAL ON THE LOOSE

January 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:24)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Hollywood Hills, where an exotic African cat was on the loose! The bobcat-sized animal got out of a yard in Laurel Canyon. There was concern that night that the predatory cat could be a danger to children and pets.

MUDSLIDE HOMES

January 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from Mission Viejo, to talk about the residents who were evacuated from their homes that night, because of the fear of mudslides. Six homes were evacuated in Orange County, and officials feared the rains could bring down a muddy hillside right into some homes along Ferro-Carril in Mission Viejo.

BASIN RAIN

January 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported live from Pasadena with Storm Watch team coverage. The storm was only expected to bring light to moderate rain, however that could be just enough to trigger slides on already saturated hillsides.

LA CONCHITA RAIN

January 28, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported live from La Conchita, to talk about whether or not that day's rain would make things more dangerous there. Residents in La Conchita were still recovering from the deadly mudslide several weeks prior, after heavy rains saturated the area.

LA CONCHITA RAIN

January 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that though the return of the rain that day didn't alarm most Southern Californians, in La Conchita residents were still on edge from their massive mudslide. At the first drops, some took no chances and packed up their belongings and left.

MOUNTAIN SNOW

January 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Running Springs with the latest on the snow falling there. The wet weather is welcome in our local mountains where it turns to snow. Businesses and ski resorts hope it will bring hordes of tourists their way.

FARMING IMPACT

January 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that though the big storms that drenched the Southland that month were just a memory to most people, local farmers in Ventura County who were hit hard by the weather were still suffering the consequences.

INLAND EMPIRE WIND ADVISORY

February 2, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from the Cajon Pass, to talk about the strong winds blowing through Southern California. Gusts of more than 45 miles an hour were forecast through the passes and canyons.

BOIL WATER WARNING

February 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Westwood to talk about an urgent warning to people living in LA's west side, including students at UCLA: boil your drinking water or you may get sick. The DWP said bacteria and other contaminates may have entered the water system from a leak in a reservoir.

FEDERAL DISASTER AREA

February 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:36)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that President Bush declared Los Angeles and other Southern California communities hardest-hit by the storms a "federal disaster area." The announcement cleared the way for money to help the region recover from the recent rainstorms. Mayor Jim Hahn said he asked for the funding so that victims could get as much help as possible.

HILL COLLAPSE

February 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported live from Anaheim Hills to report that rain was on the way—adding to the anxiety felt by some home-owners there. That is because their multi-

million dollar homes were slipping down the hillside. Geologists were trying to come up with a way to shore up the foundations.

WEST NILE WARNING

February 9, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Phillips reported on LA County's first human case of West Nile Virus. It was the first time a case was diagnosed so early in the year. Phillips reported on how people could protect themselves and their families.

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

February 10, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from Brentwood that geologists had found an earthquake fault line under one school in the LA Unified School District, and suspect there are others. Now officials are coming up with a plan to make those schools as safe as possible to limit the danger to children.

INLAND EMPIRE WEATHER

February 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from Claremont on the heavy downpour that pounded that area, flooding streets and houses.

CULVER CITY SLIDE

February 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from Culver City, where some homeowners wished there was some way to hold back the rain expected that week...they have hillside homes that were red-tagged because the ground was giving way.

WORST TRAFFIC

February 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported that two of the worst traffic bottlenecks in the country are right here in Southern California. The "Triple A" cited the 710 freeway and the interchange between the 101 and 405 freeways as among the worst of the worst.

SUNLAND FLOODING

February 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported live from Sunland where dozens of people had been evacuated from their homes. Too much rain too fast was causing flood intersections, homes and eroding hillsides in Sunland.

101 FLOODING

February 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from the scene where the 101 was under water at the Santa Monica Boulevard overpass. Some cars were submerged in knee-high water and had to be towed to dry land.

OC POLLUTION

February 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that officials said snakes had been found underneath piles of debris in Laguna Beach. It happened over the past 8 weeks—they were crawling out from beneath all the branches, soda cans and water bottles.

SHERMAN OAKS HOUSE

February 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported live from Sherman Oaks, which was one of the major trouble spots of the latest storm. The storm had triggered even more damage across the Southland, and it was expected that this could go down as the rainiest season ever in Southern California.

OC BEACH CLEANUP

February 23, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that local health officials warned against heading to the beach just yet. Laguna Beach was one spot where water was highly polluted from all the runoff, and the sand was covered in debris. Officials warn people to stay out of the water for at least three days after any major storm.

TIGER SIGHTING

February 23, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:55)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a Bengal tiger was spotted running loose in Ventura County, and was tracked down and killed. Fish and game officials cornered the full-grown tiger in the hills in Moorpark, and shot the tiger when it was apparent a tranquilizer would not have immediately affected the 600-pound animal.

POTHOLE PROBLEMS

February 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported that the rain was leaving lingering problems all over Southern California that night. Anybody who'd driven anywhere that week probably hit at least one pot-hole—but he rain had been coming down too fast for workers to fill them.

STORM DAMAGE COSTS

February 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported that the recent rains had caused nearly \$500 million dollars in damage around Southern California, from landslides, red-tagged homes and pot holes, and discussed what it would take to repair it all.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

February 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that with all the roads closed because of rain damage, it made it a pain getting around. Although traffic is usually bad in LA...the rockslides, potholes, sinkholes and canyon closures made getting through a day on crowded roadways require more patience than usual.

ENCINO EARTHQUAKE

February 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:35)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported an update on the small earthquake felt in the Encino area—the experts at Cal Tech said the center of the quake was located about one mile southeast of Encino. Residents of West Hills, Santa Monica and Century City also reported feeling the tremor.

MUDSLIDE/RED TAGGED HOME

February 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 3:05)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported breaking news on a mudslide in the Hollywood Hills. Fire officials said Laurel Canyon Boulevard from Hollywood Blvd. to Mount Olympus Ave. had been closed because of a threat of mudslides, and three home were red-tagged.

LANDSLIDE SURVEY

February 27, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:30)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that more rain was on the way and that had a lot of homeowners worried about the safety of their property. In the recent rains, we'd seen homes sliding down hills and hills sliding down on homes. Walker discussed ways people could find out how safe they are.

AIRPLANE SAFETY

February 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:04)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that too many air traffic controllers were retiring from what may be aviation's most demanding job. The concern is that not enough people are being trained to take

their place. The FAA claims it has solved the problem by vowing to hire more then 12-hundred air traffic controllers in 2006, but critics say it may be too little, too late.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT HOUSE

March 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:06)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported that a local landmark was facing the same danger as dozens of other Southland homes. The recent storms threatened the stability of Frank Lloyd Wright's "Ennis Brown" house.

PHILLIPS RANCH

March 1, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:34)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Pomona, where a state of emergency was declared. Homes were cracking and sliding down a hill, and families had nowhere to go. And now the city had to decide whether to demolish the homes that were collapsing on Meadow View Drive in Phillips Ranch.

PASADENA SINKHOLE

March 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Pasadena where a huge sinkhole was causing a big headache for drivers. The rains were still causing havoc in the Southland. Saturated hillsides continued to slide, homes were crumbling, and roads were opening up.

SUNSET MILLENIUM

March 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:32)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported live from West Hollywood, where city environmental officials had given their approval for a massive expansion of the "Sunset Millenium" project. But opponents of the residential and commercial complex say it's not quake-safe, and they protested that night, to demand a new seismic study.

GARDENERS HELP

March 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Christina Penza reported that after all the rain we'd had, many people were worried about the flowers and plants in their gardens. She offered expert advice regarding how to make sure your garden is in good shape for spring.

YELLOWSTONE SNOWMOBILE

March 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 reporter Gary Striker reported that some people in the Yellowstone area were saying snowmobile traffic from tourists was encroaching on the park's natural beauty. Yellowstone hosts millions of visitors each year. They come to the western U.S. to see natural wonders like the "Old Faithful" geyser.

TSUNAMI SURF HELP

March 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:49)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Turner reported that surfers and other beach-lovers from Southern California hadn't forgotten the victims of December's tsunami—a group from Newport Beach called the "Sumatra Surfzone Relief Operation" gathered 37 tons of relief supplies for southeast Asia. They reached areas even the Red Cross did not.

BEE ATTACK

March 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:23)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a swarm of bees attacked a family, killing the family dog. It happened in the Inland Empire, at a home on Countryview Drive in Rancho Cucamonga. The swarm of bees attacked the Osborne family dog in the home's backyard. Don Osborne tried to help the dog, but the bees swarmed him, then his wife, daughter and neice.

OLEANDER BANNED

March 11, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Norco, where residents were fed up with the lethal oleander flower. The beautiful-but-deadly oleander bushes are banned from blossoming in places like Norco. However the ban is hard to enforce, so the oleander continues to grow unchecked.

STUCK IN MUD

March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from La Puente with details on the devastation there—two weeks prior, a torrent of mud flowed down the hill behind Sal and Marianne Reyes' La Peunte home, and through the wall of their family room.

DANGEROUS ROCKS

March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:22)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported a warning that night for some canyon residents in Orange County. Geologists say the rockslide that killed a 16-year-old girl the previous month could easily happen again.

DESERT WILDFLOWERS

March 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:48)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that the weeks of heavy rain had produced a natural oasis in a most unnatural place. The rains had given Death Valley an unexpected gift of flowers—millions of flowers in astounding variety.

MORE DEAD SQUID

March 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that the squid were back: giant squid were turning up dead along Orange County beaches. Scientists did not know why, but had a few theories.

STORM WATCH

March 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:34)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that another major storm was headed for the Southland. Laurel Canyon was hit hard by recent rains, and at least one home was red-tagged. Part of Laurel Canyon Boulevard was also shut down. Forecasters were saying that not one but two storm systems were headed this way.

STORM WATCH

March 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported that dark storm clouds were moving into the Southland, and the rain would soon be falling. It could be the second rainiest season ever. And many feared that more rain could cause saturated hillsides to come tumbling down.

MEXICO WHALES

March 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:45)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that divers off Baja, California were trying to free a humpback whale that was caught in some fishing nets. This was the third whale to have been trapped in La Paz Bay in the past two months. Environmentalists say there are hundreds of miles of fishing nets left to drift off Mexico's Pacific coast.

SOLAR PANEL POWER

March 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:39)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that low income families are getting the chance to tap into solar power, and celebrities are helping them do it.. Every time a celebrity joins the "BP Solar Neighbors" Program by purchasing a BP Solar Home Solution, BP donates a solar system to a low income family in California.

LAUREL CANYON

March 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:21)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported the latest on conditions along Laurel Canyon. Hillsides were still threatening to crumble, lanes were still closed...and no one seemed to know when the Canyon roads would be back to normal.

POLAR MYSTERY

March 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:48)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that a British-led five-man Polar expedition was hoping to answer the question of whether or not Robert Peary actually reached the North Pole in record time back in 1909. The expedition began its trek that day, retracing Peary's route from Cape Columbia to the Pole—475 miles in 37 days.

BIG RATS

March 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported live from Griffith Park that night, that the winter rains would be giving way to a green, lush and robust Spring. And all that greenery would mean a bumper crop of bugs feasting upon those plants. And that in turn would mean more rats and rodents eating the bugs, and then of course snakes eating all the rodents.

OLD GLORY UPDATE

March 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported on a celebration of the mighty oak known as "Old Glory," the 400-year-old oak tree saved by environmentalists when developers wanted to cut it down.

OIL SPILL

March 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that crews were able to contain the large oil spill at Pyramid Lake. 126,000 gallons of crude poured into the lake, 60 miles north of Los Angeles. The oil came from a broken high-pressure pipeline that brings oil from Bakersfield to LA. This lake is a source of drinking water, but we were told there is no threat.

BUNNY HUNTERS

March 23, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Sabih reported that rabbits considered a nuisance in one Mission Viejo neighborhood are now fair game to be

shot. The Mission Viejo City Council has given permission for one gated community to have rabbits shot on sight.

OIL SPILL

March 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:39)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that crews were working feverishly to clean up an oil spill in Pyramid Lake, about 60 miles north of Los Angeles. The lake provides drinking water to the LA basin and is home to a variety of wildlife. Containment booms were laid out around the spill, and none of the 126,000 gallons of crude seeped out of the isolated cove near the dam.

SHARK ATTACK

March 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that the encounter was supposed to be rather controlled, but was anything but that. The story featured the tourist who met the 18-foot-long shark off Cape Town.

SPACE TOURISM

March 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:49)

KCAL9 anchor David Jackson reported that a Colorado man won a trip into space, courtesy of British business tycoon Sir Richard Branson. Branson put on a space at the New York Auto Show to give away the first ticket for a flight with his space tourism company, Virgin Galactic. The first flights are expected to begin in two to three years.

SPACEWALK

March 28, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that two space station astronauts took a nearly five hour walk in space that day. They installed a global positioning system, as well as three antennae. They also released an 11-pound satellite. NASA hopes to launch a space shuttle in mid-May.

GRUNION RUN

March 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:31)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that it was the time of year for "grunion running" along the Southern California coast. The tiny silvery fish were coming ashore to spawn. It happens every year—for only three or four nights, after the highest tides during full or new moons, they come completely out of the water to lay their eggs.

COLIMA VOLCANO

March 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:23)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Mexico's Colima volcano was putting on a fiery show. There were three explosions during the past two weeks at the so-called 'volcano of fire'. Scientists at the Colima Observatory said a major eruption is possible at any time, and people who live in the area were told to stay at least four miles away.

MOUNTAIN LION LAWSUIT

March 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:32)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that the parents of a biker killed by a mountain lion were dropping their wrongful-death suit against Orange County, just days after filing it. They said they changed their minds after more than 25 cyclists contacted them saying that they know the risks of wilderness parks and don't want the county to ban them.

SUMATRA QUAKE

March 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:16)

KCAL9 reporter Scott Rapoport reported the latest on the destruction in Sumatra. Aftershocks were still rattling the Earth and nerves in Indonesia, following the previous day's 8.7 killer earthquake. Rescue workers were now on their way to the area, as searchers continued to find bodies.

EDUCATION / YOUTH

FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE

January 3, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that high school seniors in California could get up to \$8300 to pay for their education, and they don't have to pay it back! The Cal Grants program has been around awhile, but in the New Year it was launching a new campaign to give money to even more California students who need it.

NEW ASTHMA LAW

January 3, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 0:30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a new law in California would help kids with asthma cope while they're at school. Children with written permission from parents and doctors could now use asthma inhalers. In the past, kids had to leave their classrooms or the playground and go to the school nurse.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS REPORT

January 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:26)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a brand new report card by a local think-tank gave California public schools a failing grade. The Rand Corporation says California schools perform worse than most schools in the nation—in every category.

TRAFFIC SCHOOL SAFETY

January 5, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from North Hills, where police and school administrators were holding a "traffic safety" day. It was back-to-school for many students following the holiday break, and police wanted to make sure those student wouldn't become victims of traffic accidents.

LEMONADE-AID

January 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that disaster assistance was even coming from a kids' lemonade stand. Nine-year-old Jack Berry and his six-year-old sister Kate set up their stand on New Year's Eve. Drivers in their Houston neighborhood were stopping by to support

their efforts. The kids already raised about \$1500, and their parents planned to match whatever the children raise, and give the money to the Red Cross.

SWIFTWATER RESCUE

January 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from Mission Hills, to talk about a ten-year-old boy who was trapped in a runoff channel and pulled from the waters of the Pacoima Wash earlier that evening.

USC RETURN

January 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from USA where people were celebrating the perfect end to a perfect season for the USC Trojans. The back-to-back national champs returned home after routing Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl.

KIDS/CELL PHONES

January 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that the previous day, parents in Britain were told to limit their children's use of cell phones, and to prevent youngsters ages 8 and under from using them at all. A team of well respected scientists in Britain are concerned about radiation from the phones and the risk of cancer.

KIDS DONATE LUNCH MONEY

January 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:27)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that some Midwestern school children were reaching out to survivors of the tsunami. In Webster City, Iowa, they held an unusual fundraiser at a middle school: each student was served rice and water for lunch, instead of regular cafeteria food. In return for every child served, the school donated one dollar to a tsunami relief fund.

COACH CARTER

January 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Rick Chambers reported on the new film that tells the inspirational story of a controversial high school basketball coach, who got both praise and criticism for benching his entire un-defeated team because of its poor academic performance.

HATE CRIME SENTENCING

January 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that two teenagers were facing time in custody that night. The teens admitted to the hate crime attack of a black teen in Simi Valley. The victim, 17-year-old Jim King, was assaulted last December at a shopping center where he was selling newspaper descriptions.

BODY WORLD

January 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported live from the "Body Worlds" exhibit. The exhibit features dozens of human cadavers, and has drawn record crowds at the California Science Center.

GOVERNOR/SCHOOL VISIT

January 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:38)

KCAL9 Political reporter Linda Breakstone reported that Governor Schwarzenegger defended his education plan that day, with a San Fernando Valley Charter school as the backdrop. Opponents say it doesn't have adequate funding, but the Governor says it's the system that needs the change.

MEDICAL MURDER TRIAL

January 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Elizabeth Cohen reported that defense attorneys were claiming that the anti-depressant Zoloft drove a 12-year-old to kill his grandparents. The boy was being tried as an adult.

EDUCATION SECRETARY

January 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:38)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that a longtime education adviser to President Bush—Margaret Spellings—was sworn in as Secretary of Education that day. She is the mother of school-age children, and President Bush said that gives her a personal stake in the state of the nation's schools. Spellings worked for six years as Bush's education adviser in Texas.

PRESCHOOL HEIST

February 1, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported live from Newhall, where thieves had shattered the hopes of children at the Rise And Shine Preschool when they broke into a classroom and stole a jar filled with \$1,500 dollars worth of coins. For two years, the children had been saving their coins for a new playground.

KID HEROES

February 2, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported that in Garden Grove earlier that day, some kids were recognized for their quick thinking during emergencies. He spoke with two of the youngsters who were honored.

LAUSD CAR GIVEAWAY

February 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:28)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the LA Unified School District would be giving a new SUV to one lucky student with a high attendance record. It's a 2005 Toyota Scion, and it's part of the district's "Count Me In" campaign to encourage students to stick it out until graduation.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

February 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a new report from the Institute of Medicine found that childhood obesity is so out of control; it will take a national effort to reverse it. Researchers say the initial changes must begin at home.

TSUNAMI MEMORIAL

February 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported on the memorial service held that day to remember an amazing teacher killed in the Asian tsunami. Local elementary school students turned out to play music at the Santa Monica church earlier that day to honor their former first grade teacher, Orlantha Ambrose.

ADOLESCENTS / ALCOHOL

February 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that researchers from Rand Health in Santa Monica found that teens that saw prominent beer advertising in grocery and convenience stores were more likely to begin drinking than their peers who saw less of it. The study also found that kids who had already started drinking were more affected by advertising at sports and music events.

PRESCHOOL SHORTAGE

February 9, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:14)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that there is evidence that a good pre-school experience makes it more likely children will do well in school and less likely to commit crimes. However a troubling new

report showed that there just are not enough pre-schools in California. The study shows there are long waiting lists at taxpayer-funded preschools in California.

FUTURE STARS

February 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that 1500 high school students took part in the "Grammy In Schools" Program that day. The music students got important career advice from those who really know the business. The career day gives students a chance to hear from their idols.

COLTON HIGH SCHOOL

February 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from Colton, where much of the student body at Colton High School staged a walkout over new rules put in place by a new principal. Overwhelmed, officials closed down the school for the day and sent the few remaining students home.

HERO TEACHER RECOGNIZED

February 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:40)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Sacred Heart School in Lancaster, where the LA County Sheriff's Department was honoring a teacher and student with proclamations for bravery. A wanted criminal burst into Donna Harvey's fourth grade classroom the previous month, and she kept a cool head and calmly talked to the agitated man, while signaling for a student to get help.

COLTON HIGH

February 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported that classes would resume the following day at Colton High School, where students had walked out in protest over a new principal the previous week. The question that night was whether or not students would be in their seats when the school bell rings in the morning.

RACIAL INCIDENTS

February 17, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the LA County Sheriff's Department Hate Crime Squad was investigating alleged "racial" incidents involving students at Valencia High School in Santa Clarita. Several black students said they were being harassed by white

students who identified themselves as being either "skin heads" or "white supremacists".

COLTON SCHOOL CHAOS

February 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:00)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that the students, teachers and parents who were upset about a new principal at Colton High School made their point—the school board fired him. Students and teachers said he ran the school through intimidation including transferring four educators because they spoke out against him.

SMASHED

February 20, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:35)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that nearly one of two college students admit to binge drinking. In recent years, the gender gap has closed between male and female binge drinkers. Henry interviewed one young woman who had just gone public with her experience.

ACT EARLY CAMPAIGN

February 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that though most parents are keenly aware of their child's height, weight and first steps, a new national campaign is focusing on a child's emotional and behavioral growth. It's called "Learn the Signs, Act Early."

VEGETARIAN CHILDREN

February 22, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:40)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a new study claimed children on a strictly vegetarian diet may have mental and physical problems for most of their lives. The study says vegetarian diets lack vitamins and nutrients essential for the growth of brain and muscle tissue.

STRUGGLING READER

February 23, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:54)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that governors and CEO's of major corporations would be meeting that weekend to discuss education. One of the big issues was the fact that many students enter high school with poor reading skills. A possible solution was a new program called, "Read 180", designed to help youngsters improve their reading skills.

TEEN DRIVERS

February 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that statistics show 16-yearolds are at a greater risk of being involved in deadly crashes. But now, so-called "Graduated Licensing" laws may be having a positive effect. They place restrictions on teens under 18 who have learner permits and driver licenses.

CHILD INTERNET SAFE

February 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that several crime-fighting agencies were joining forces to coordinate their efforts to keep online predators from targeting children surfing the web. The "I Keep Safe" Coalition's first campaign features a web site to teach children and their parents about Internet safety.

SCHOOL SHOOTING

March 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that in Long Beach there was a packed house that day for a community forum on a school shooting. The shooting the previous month at Cabrillo High School in Long Beach exposed a deep divide in the area. More than a thousand people filled the school auditorium that morning, some demanding more police protection, others saying it comes down to parental responsibility.

SILVERADO MEMORIAL

March 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:51)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported on a moving memorial which took place that day for a teenager killed in the previous month's storms. Caitlin Oto died on February 20th when a boulder crashed into her Silverado Canyon bedroom, as she did her homework.

NEED MILK?

March 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:47)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that a group of doctors say children don't really need to drink milk to have strong bones as we've been taught to believe. They insist kids don't need so much calcium, and that calcium doesn't have to come from dairy.

SCHOOL SCANDALS

March 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from Sherman Oaks, with details on a controversial website that links thousands of schools together. But some students say they're being slandered.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON

March 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:47)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported that some of the state's smartest students were competing in the annual California Academic Decathlon that day. The two-day battle of the brainiest would end with a winner selected on Sunday. The winning team would have the chance to move on to the national contest.

SAT TESTS

March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that it was the time of year for high school students to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test. But the SAT isn't what it used to be. The test has shifted from being strictly an aptitude test to one that's more curriculum-based. And this change has caused a wave of anxiety among college hopefuls.

SCHOOL MURDER PLOT

March 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:44)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that two teenage boys were in custody that night—investigators said the two suspects planned to plant bombs at St. John Bosco High School, in order to prevent law enforcement from entering the campus. Then they would shoot and kill students and teachers on a hit list.

API TESTS

March 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:34)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Burbank with details on the report card on our local schools that was coming out that day.

SCHOOL SHOOTING

March 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from Harbor UCLA Medical Center, where a teenager was fighting for her life. The 15-year-old girl was in surgery that night, after she was shot outside Locke High School. The girl is an apparent random victim of street violence. She was gunned down as she waited for a ride outside the school in South LA.

KIDS STEROIDS

March 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:29)

KCAL9 Health reporter Dilva Henry reported that doctors say the number of teenage athletes using steroids has tripled in the last decade, as young players aspire to be like their professional idols. Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa were among the baseball heroes questioned that day.

SCHOOL SHOOTING

March 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:33)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from the newsroom with the latest on a killing rampage on an Indian reservation in northern Minnesota, that left a community stunned and grieving. Ten people were dead that night. Authorities said a student shot his grandparents in their home, and then went to his high school.

KID SAFETY VEST

March 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:46)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that if you don't like using booster seats for your children, you may want to try a new safety vest. The "RideSafer Travel Vest" is touted as the perfect alternative. It takes a parent only about 35 seconds to get the child properly secured, and the manufacturer says the vest is made of multi-layer metal, which stretches on impact.

CYBERBULLYING

March 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:23)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported that "cyber bullying" is when kids pick on other kids via the Internet. A recent study found more than 40% of students claim to have been bullied online. The consequences can be deadly. "Connect With Kids" is one of a number of organizations working with schools, parents and kids to prevent and stop online harassment.

OXNARD SHIP

March 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Carter Evans reported live from Oxnard with the latest on the rescue and fate of the large sailing ship which got stranded on a sandbar off Oxnard Harbor. The students and crew on board had to jump into the water to be rescued.

STUDENT FOR HIRE

March 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:43)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that officials say they've uncovered a high-priced cheating scandal at Cal State Dominguez Hills. 29-year-old Saad Al-Suwaidi was one of two people arrested, and two others were being sought. Police call it an elaborate scam: students paying between 2,000 and 6,000 dollars for someone else to attend a semester-long course for them!

STREET RACING ARRESTS

March 25, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:42)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported that two suspected teenage racers were arrested and their cars seized during a crackdown in a Porter Ranch shopping center parking lot. Racers have long been doing stunts like "donuts" in the parking lot, and the reckless driving scares those who work there.

WRIGHT SUSPENDED

March 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:24)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that a USC football player facing rape charges would not be on the field for the team's afternoon practice. Coach Pete Carroll was "benching" Eric Wright while police and the university investigates the incident. He was arrested early Saturday morning, accused of sexually assaulting a woman in her apartment near the campus.

FATAL AUTO VS. PEDESTRIANS

March 29, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported live from Anaheim on the victims of the terrible crash near Disneyland. Six people, all from the same family...a 7-year-old boy was killed, another clinging to life.

JANE DOE SPEAKS

March 29, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 2:54)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported a KCAL9 news exclusive—the young woman in the gang rape trial of Greg Haidl and two of his friends...decided to speak out about the trial and the previous week's verdict. Jane Doe was 16 years old when she was raped. She is now 19, and she shared her feelings with KCAL9's Dave Lopez.

CONSUMER ISSUES & ECONOMICS

HOLIDAY TRAVEL/LAX

January 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:15)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from LAX with an update on the conditions there—the rain was only adding to the aggravation and hassle for travelers making their way home from the holidays.

NEW YEAR STOCKS

January 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the stock market did not have a good day—the first trading day of the year. The Dow lost 54 points. He offered a look at what would affect people's money.

SINKHOLE

January 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported live from Western & Westmont Drive with the latest on the crews working quickly to fix a huge sinkhole in Rancho Palos Verdes. They were trying to beat the next storm. The sinkhole opened up over the weekend on a heavily traveled street.

STOCKS SLIDE

January 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that analysts were scratching their heads that night, wondering where in the New Year's rally was Wall Street? The Dow lost another 33 points that day.

WATER DAMAGE

January 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:25)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that with all of the recent wet weather, a leaky roof or a leak through a wall could cause lots of damage that one may not see right away—mold. And the damage could hit your money quickly and in big amounts.

INSURANCE TIPS

January 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the landslides in Southern California not only had led to death and injuries but also to financial loss, and he discussed what is and is not covered by insurance.

MONEY LOSSES

January 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported live from Anaheim with Storm Watch team coverage. He discussed the money losses that are a result of the storm, whether it's from a tree down, a home washed away, or other damage caused by this storm.

TESTING OLDER DRIVERS

January 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Julie Vallese reported on the AAA's new screening test for older drivers. The new test would enable them to test themselves in the privacy of their own home.

MOLD WATER

January 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that while some of the damage from the rainstorms is obvious—leaks, mud, floods—some damage might not show up for weeks, and that is mold. He discussed the things people can do to protect their homes and money.

POTHOLES

January 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 reporter Lisa Sigell reported live from LA's Miracle Mile district with details on some of the biggest dangers after the powerful storms—the potholes and debris that were littering the roadways. She discussed ways to minimize the hazards to yourself and your car.

LANDSLIDE INSURANCE

January 14, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on the reasons why people can't buy insurance for perils such as landslides and mudslides.

HOME PRICES

January 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 reporter Stacey Butler reported that the prices of owning a home in LA and Orange County have set new records.

TAX GUIDE

January 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on some tax guides that may be available at the bookstore, as the annual income tax season approached.

BOEING 717

January 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Juan Fernandez reported live from Long Beach with details on the fact that hundreds of jobs were on the chopping block, as Boeing phases out production of the 717 Jetliner.

LAX STORM DELAYS

January 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Greg Mills reported live from LAX that the storm back east was causing big problems for people here at home—at LAX, many travelers were showing up to find out that their flights had been cancelled.

STATE FINANCES

January 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:16)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the plans for the next four years of the Bush administration's economy caused a tough week on the stock market. He discussed what that would mean for your money.

ONLINE FRAUD

January 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from Santa Monica with details on how to protect your money—that day, Internet criminals targeted Washington Mutual customers all over the country. The criminals had sent out e-mails trying to trick people into giving out vital information.

PUSH VS. PULL

January 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from San Bernardino on the safety issues, as investigators were trying to find out if the trains were as safe as they could be--one had the engine pulling the passenger cars, and the other had the engine pushing them. Safety officials said one arrangement is safer.

STATE QUARTERS

January 31, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that even if you haven't been collecting the state quarters, the new California quarter might get you started. He discussed whether or not this collectible could help you turn a profit.

DELTA DFW PULLOUT

January 31, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that there were more cutbacks for Delta Airlines. As of that day, the financially strapped airline was closing its hub at Dallas-Fort Worth International. Dallas was one of Delta's main hubs, with dozens of flights landing and leaving every day. Now some 3600 employees there would be out of work.

FED RATES

February 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that interest rates were going up again the following day. The Federal Reserve was likely to raise rates by one quarter of a percent.

DELTA LAYOFFS

February 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 reporter Joel Connable reported live from LAX to report that it was a very bad day for hundreds of Delta Airlines employees in Los Angeles. The company announced they'd be losing their jobs, and the reservations work would be outsourced.

GAS PRICES

February 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that gas prices were on the rise again—up 10 cents a gallon in just the last week. The hike was blamed on maintenance at California refineries and the high cost of crude oil futures.

INCOME TAX CREDIT

February 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:18)

KCAL9 reporter Suraya Fadel reported that tax time was fast approaching, and that many people who qualify for federal income tax credits do not take advantage of it. So that day, city officials kicked off a campaign to spread the word.

CREDIT CARD CRUNCH

February 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reported that credit card debt continues to rise every year. She uncovered the industry secret that forces you to pay hundreds of extra dollars every year.

REALTOR FEES

February 9, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:53)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that if you're having trouble getting the down-payment money to buy a house, there is some help available. A real estate company will give you a rebate on your home purchase.

FTC ALERT

February 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:03)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that identity theft is still the number one crime in America, affecting more people than anything else. But despite all the recent publicity, the Federal Trade Commission says computers are not the biggest cause of ID theft.

SOCIAL SECURITY

February 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:50)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Social Security reform was the number one issue for people's money and for American politics this year. The President outlined a plan that will keep social security without changes for those at least 55 years old, but will create big changes for everyone else

SPYWARE CONCERNS

February 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 3:34)

KCAL9 reporter Glen Walker reported that a recent study found nine out of ten computers are infected with "Spyware". This is how cyberspies can invade your life without you ever knowing. Some of them just compile marketing information, but others can rip you off unless you take steps to protect yourself.

PHONE MERGERS

February 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 0:50)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Verizon was buying MCI in a deal valued at almost 7-billion dollars. This was the third big phone merger in two months. Two weeks prior, SBC announced it was buying AT&T in a deal valued at 16-billion dollars. And last December, Sprint and Nextel announced a merger.

HOME PRICES

February 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that with home prices going through the roof, it's getting harder for families to afford a home in California. A family needs to earn nearly 107,000 to qualify for a median priced home.

IDENTITY THEFT

February 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that thousands of people in Southern California could be victims of identity theft. Technology-savvy thieves hacked into the computer files of a company that collects personal data. They stole credit card information and began using it.

TAX REFUND LOANS

February 19, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 0:35)

KCAL9 reporter Linda Alvarez reported that thousands of low-income families qualify for an "earned income tax credit" refund from the IRS. But many of those people get ripped off by unscrupulous tax preparers who offer to loan them the money, until the IRS mails out the check.

ELECTRONIC MONEY

February 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:17)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that while credit and identity fraud have been in the spotlight, federal officials are warning about another type of potential fraud. It's the fraud involving electronic money.

INSURANCE CLAIMS

February 23, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that though people have heard that you need "special" insurance for floods and landslides, you might be covered even without these special insurance policies, if you've had storm damage including landslide damage.

JET BLUE BURBANK

February 24, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:50)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported live from Bob Hope Airport in Burbank with details on the first ever non-stop service from Burbank to New York. Jet Blue Air was starting coast-to-coast service at bargain prices.

HOME PRICES

February 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 0:26)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that if you are in the market for a home, be prepared to pay a lot more than the asking price. Up until late last year there was a big supply of homes for sale. But now there are more buyers than there are homes available, and that means more people competing for one piece of property.

SLIDE PRICES

March 1, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:02)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported on slides and real estate—Laurel Canyon was the latest area to have landslides threatening homes. But could there also be a threat to real estate prices?

ID THEFT

March 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:57)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported that suspects in a huge identity theft scam were arrested that night after using fake credit cards to charge up thousands of dollars in purchases.

IRS SCAMS

March 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:15)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that in approximately six weeks, tax returns would be due. And though it was tax season, it was also "tax scam season". He discussed how you can be cheated.

COPPER

March 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:04)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that pennies could mean big money, because copper prices were shooting up.

GAS PRICES

March 7, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported live from Sherman Oaks with details and reaction on the skyrocketing gasoline prices. And industry analysts said it would only get worse.

BUSH ENERGY FIGHT

March 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:24)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that it was costing all of us more to fill up our tanks these days. Government projections point to record fuel prices by Spring, and that was prompting a renewed debate between the President and Democrats, over how best to respond. The President said he wouldn't release any oil from the reserves.

ALUMINUM CARS

March 11, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that with gasoline pump prices rising, automakers were trying to find ways to increase fuel economy. One idea is to make cars "lighter."

RESTAURANT GRADES

March 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 0:24)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that LA County's restaurant grading system appeared to be reducing the number of people getting sick. A new study showed that since the system went into effect, fewer people have been hospitalized with food born diseases. There has also been a 13% decrease in bacteria infections such as salmonella, compared to the rest of the state.

CNN TAX CREDIT

March 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:36)

KCAL9 reporter Julie Vallese reported that it was tax time, and if you're in the lower tax brackets you could be able to beef up your refund by taking advantage of the earned income tax credit.

HEALTH INSURANCE

March 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that a big federal lawsuit was filed by 12 California Blue Cross and Blue Shield Health Insurance plans against a group of Southern California health care clinics, physicians and others. The suit claims an elaborate scheme involved surgeries that were not needed, and more than \$1 billion in fake insurance claims.

CREDIT CARDS

March 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that if you're used to making the minimum payment on your credit card bill each month, you should check your next statement closely. Some companies are raising their monthly minimums. But that might not be such a bad thing.

CELLPHONE MUSIC

March 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Mallika Kapur reported that your cell phone could be the save of the future when it comes to listening to your favorite tunes. Apparently new technology was about to revolutionize the digital music industry.

STATE TAXES

March 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that one-month from that day would be tax deadline day, and now there is more help for you to do your taxes. The state of California has some free help.

SANTA MONICA BLVD.

March 15, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported live from Century City with details on the 2 ½ mile "headache"—the road development project started two years ago, and local merchants are worried about surviving until it is done.

AS IS PRODUCTS

March 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:59)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that though everyone talks about the Christmas shopping season and the January sales, the savvy shoppers know that Spring is actually one of the best times of the year to shop at liquidation stores.

GAS PRICES/METROLINK

March 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:45)

KCAL9 reporter Jennifer Davis reported on the push for public transportation. With all the soaring fuel prices, people can either take it, or take action. Metrolink says you have an alternative.

BANKRUPTCY

March 21, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that more than 76,000 people file for bankruptcy protection each year in the Los Angeles area. But soon, it could be more difficult to file for bankruptcy.

GAS PRICES

March 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:12)

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Dave Lopez reported that if you are fed up with paying more at the pump, you are not alone. Prices jumped an average of 12 cents a gallon in just two weeks. And there were not likely to go down soon.

SHOE PAVILION

March 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:01)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Prada, Marc Jacobs and Guess are some of the top fashion designs these days, but more of these styles are showing up in discount stores like Shoe Pavilion.

GAS PRICES

March 28, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:56)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Craig Fiegener reported live from a truck stop in Ontario, to talk about how truckers were coping. Everyone is affected by the skyrocketing cost of gasoline. Diesel prices were high as well, and it is tough on those who make their living on the road.

TRAVEL SCAMS

March 29, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 reporter Julie Vallese reported some advice on how to avoid trouble when surfing the net for the perfection vacation. More and more people are booking their vacations on the Internet. And more and more scam artists are online looking for innocent victims.

SUPREME COURT/FILE SHARING

March 29, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 reporter Susan Roberts reported that downloading your favorite song or movie from the Internet for free has once again reached the highest courts in the land. This time, the justices must decide whether movie and recording studios can sue the companies that make the swapping software.